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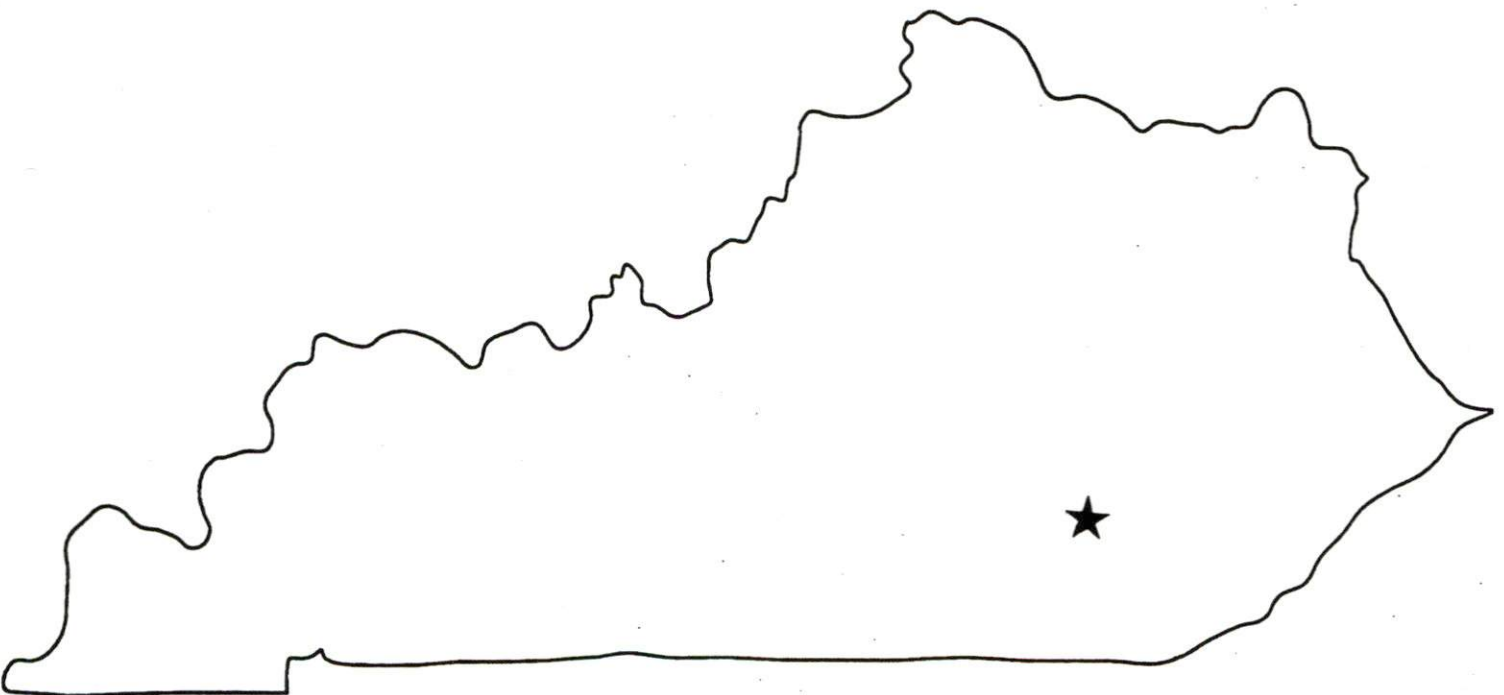
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Barbourville - Knox County



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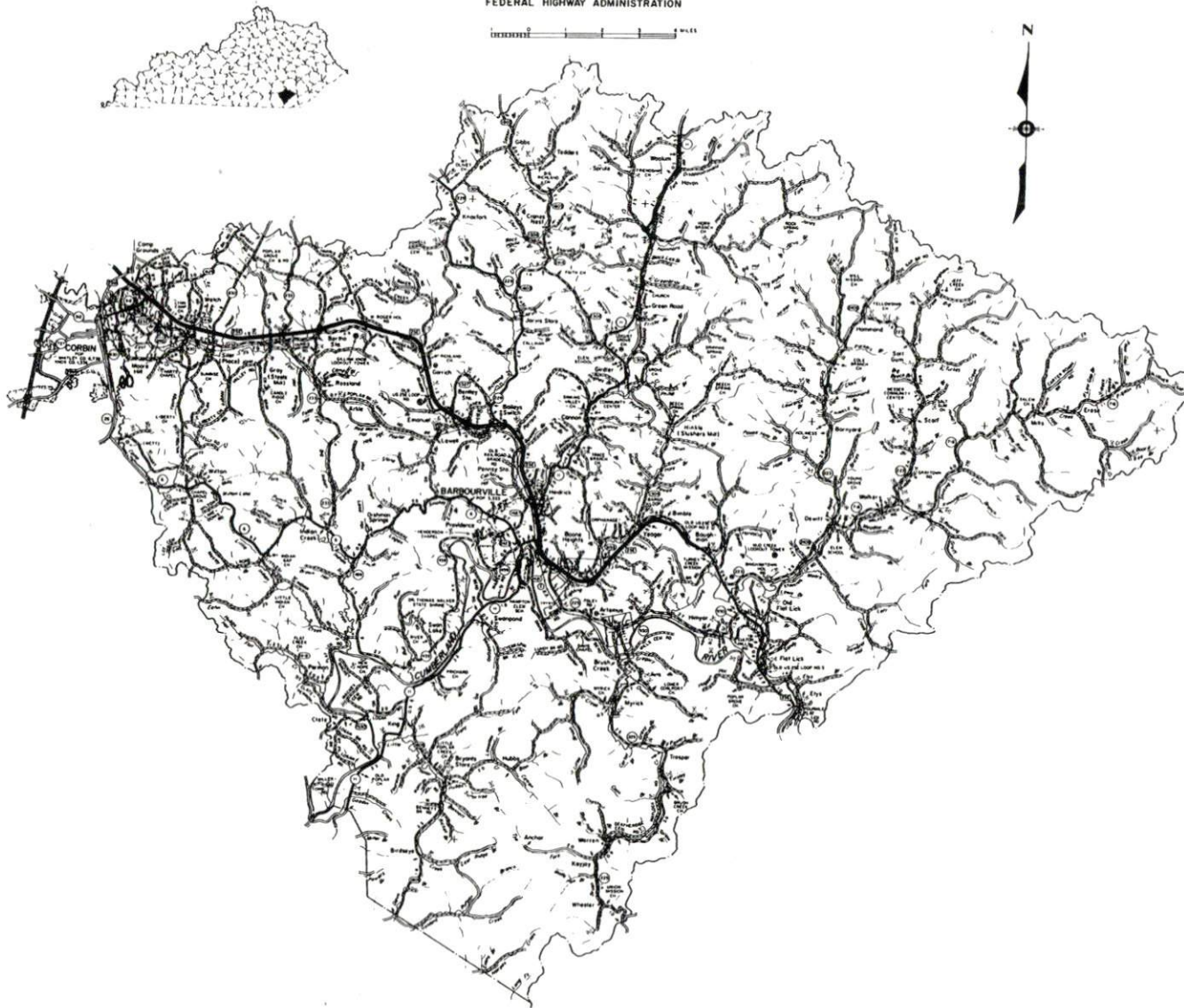
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GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP
KNOX COUNTY
KENTUCKY

PREPARED BY THE
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING
IN COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

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BARBOURVILLE-KNOX COUNTY, KENTUCKY - A RESOURCE PROFILE

Barbourville, the county seat of Knox County, is located in the historic Cumberland Gap area of southeastern Kentucky. Barbourville, with an estimated 1994 population of 3,745, is located 103 miles southeast of Lexington, Kentucky; 100 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; and 173 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky.

Knox County has a land area of 387 square miles, and had an estimated 1994 population of 31,137. A section of Knox County is designated as an enterprise zone.

The Economic Framework - The total number of Knox County residents employed in 1994 averaged 9,795. Manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,363 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 1,751 jobs; 1,137 people were employed in service occupations; state and local government accounted for 1,559 employees; contract construction firms provided 171 jobs; and 235 people were employed by mining and quarrying operations.

Labor Supply - There is a current estimated labor supply of 26,335 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1996 through 2000, 13,046 young persons in the area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation - Barbourville is served directly by U.S. Highway 25E and Kentucky Highways 11 and 6. Interstate 75 is located 17 miles northwest, while access to the Daniel Boone Parkway is 24 miles north. Fifteen trucking companies serve Barbourville with interstate and/or intrastate service. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Barbourville. The London-Corbin Airport, 25 miles northwest of Barbourville, maintains a 6,000-foot paved runway. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at Blue Grass Airport, four miles west of Lexington, 107 miles northwest of Barbourville.

Power and Fuel - Electric power is provided to Barbourville and parts of Knox County by the Barbourville Utility Commission, which is supplied by the Kentucky Utilities Company. Knox County is also provided electric power by the Cumberland Valley Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and Kentucky Utilities Company. Natural gas is provided to Barbourville by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Education - Primary and secondary education is provided to Barbourville and Knox County by the Barbourville Independent School System and the Knox County School System. Union College, a four-year college, is also located in Barbourville. Vocational training is available at the Knox County Area Technology Center in Barbourville; at the Cumberland Valley Health Technology Center in Pineville, 18 miles southeast; and at the Laurel Regional Technology Center in London, 31 miles northwest.

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LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Barbourville-Knox County Labor Market Area includes Knox County and the adjoining Kentucky counties of Bell, Clay, Laurel, and Whitley.

POPULATION

	<u>1994*</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1970</u>
Labor Market Area	166,905	159,692	159,699	124,822
Barbourville	3,745	3,658	3,333	3,549
Knox County	31,137	29,676	30,239	23,689

*Population estimates.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	168,698	177,191	189,335	198,038
Knox County	31,607	33,802	36,905	39,384

Note: Population projections are from High Growth Series forecast.

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center.

ESTIMATED LABOR SUPPLY

	<u>Current</u>			<u>Future</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Not in Labor Force</u>	<u>Becoming 18 years of age 1996 thru 2000</u>
Labor Market Area*	26,335	4,315	22,020	13,046
Knox County	5,794	720	5,074	2,481

* Additional workers may be drawn from other nearby counties.

Note: Unemployed - persons unemployed and actively seeking work; Not in Labor Force - represents the number of persons who would enter the labor force if suitable employment were available (based on the assumption that persons in Kentucky would like to participate in the labor force in the same proportion that they do nationally). Underemployed persons (employed only 14 to 26 weeks during the year) are no longer included in labor surplus estimates.

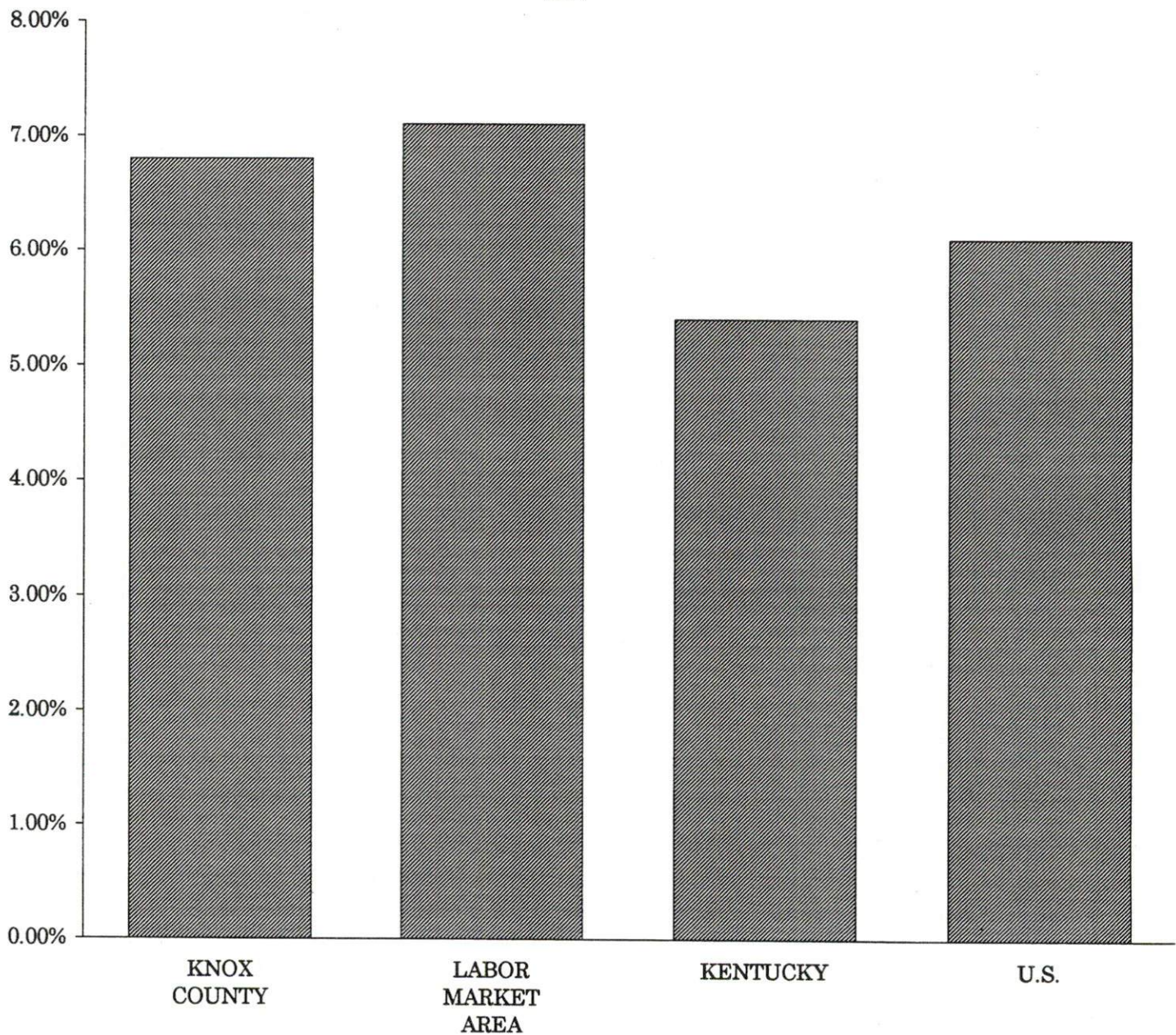
Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Surplus Estimates by County, 1994. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1996 thru 2000.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS OF RESIDENTS, 1994

	<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	10,515	61,040
Employment	9,795	56,725
Unemployment	720	4,315
Rate of Unemployment (%)	6.8	7.1

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Kentucky Labor Force Estimates, Annual Averages 1994.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1994



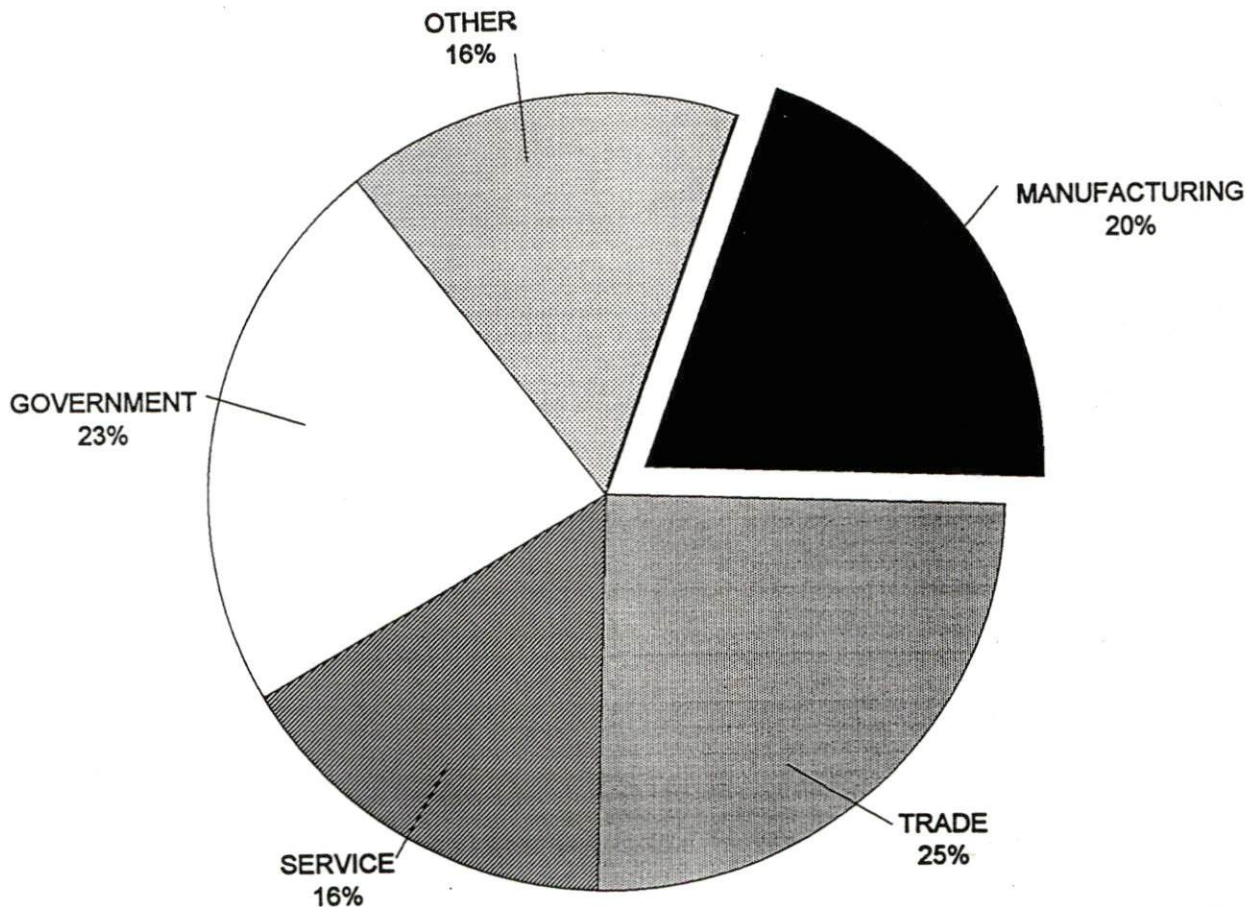
SELECTED COMPONENTS OF NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1994

	<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries (total)	6,892	48,098
Manufacturing	1,363	8,369
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,751	14,120
Services	1,137	10,031
State/Local Government	1,559	8,160
Contract Construction	171	1,765
Mining and Quarrying	235	2,200

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1994.

KNOX COUNTY

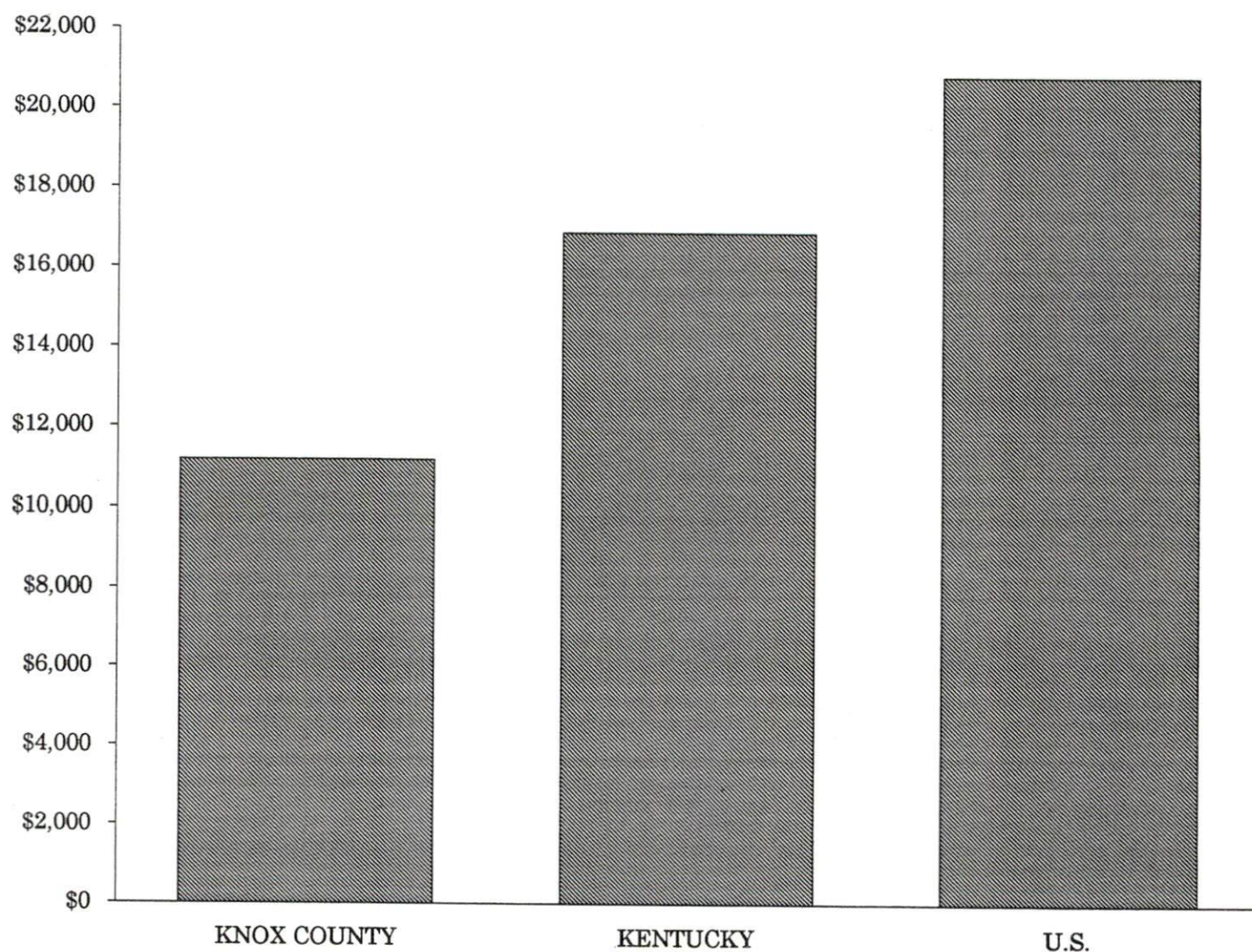


PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

<u>Area</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Knox County	\$8,644	\$11,181	29.3
Labor Market Area Range	\$8,565 - \$11,440	\$11,161 - \$13,739	-
Kentucky	\$13,756	\$16,889	22.8
U.S.	\$17,690	\$20,800	17.6

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME 1993



AVERAGE PLACEMENT WAGES

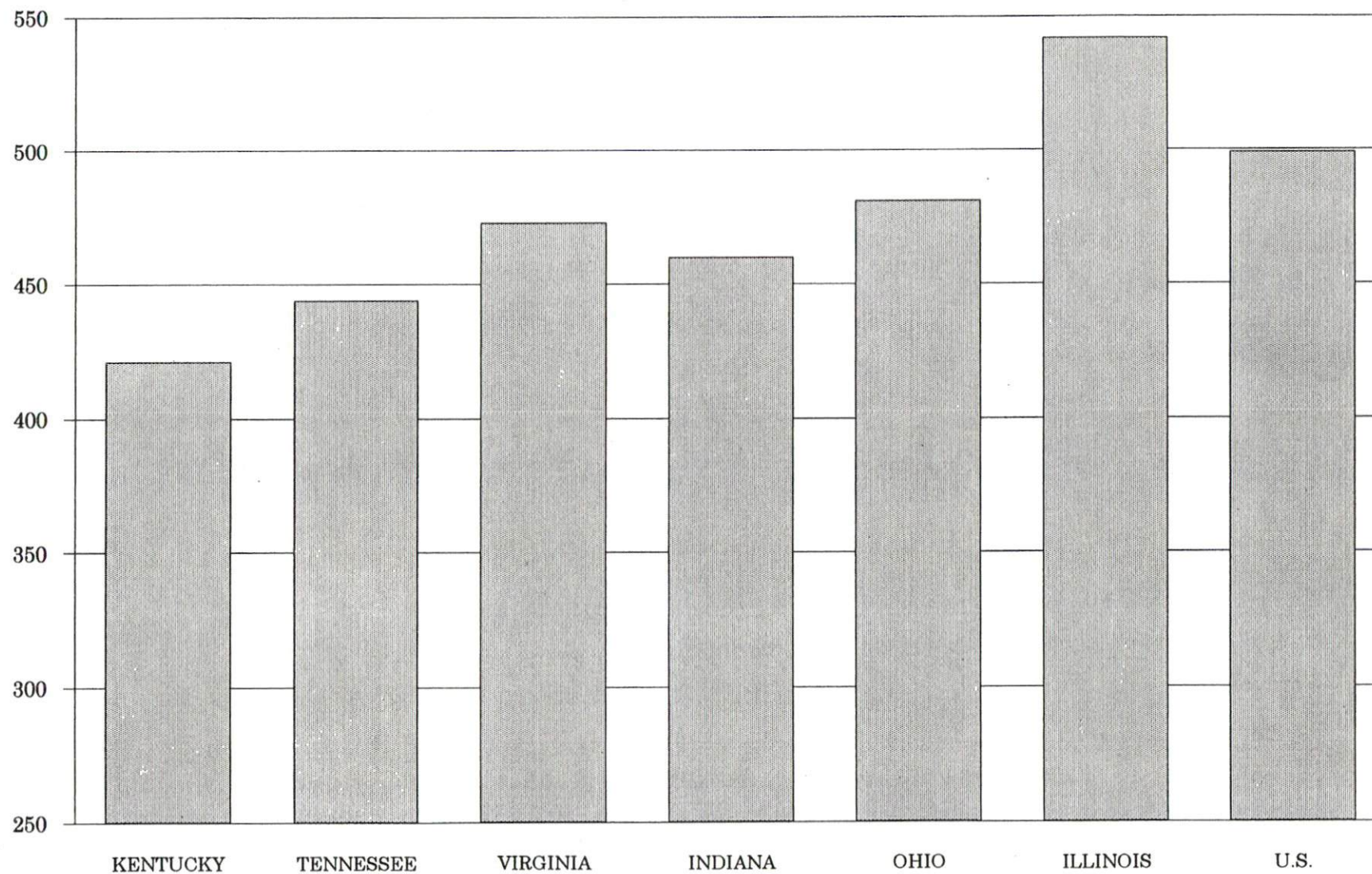
Knox County is served by the Corbin local office of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months which ended on June 30, 1995, the local employment office filled 3,416 job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

<u>OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE WAGE(\$)</u>
All Occupations	3,416	4.77
Clerical	287	4.45
Sales	59	4.76
Services (excluding domestic)	642	4.20
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	20	4.61
Processing	128	5.95
Machine Trades	19	5.59
Bench Work	1,527	4.48
Structural	266	5.78
Motor Freight/ Transportation	74	5.05
Packaging and Materials Handling	313	6.16
Other	11	5.26

The Corbin local office also serves Clay, Jackson, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley Counties. The above occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Employment Services.

**AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES OF WORKERS COVERED BY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - 1993**



AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES BY INDUSTRY
BY PLACE OF WORK, 1993*

	<u>Knox County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$329.74	\$421.30	\$444.00	\$473.00
Mining & Quarrying	426.43	691.01	605.00	684.00
Contract Construction	334.49	440.47	467.00	464.00
Manufacturing	398.54	541.18	522.00	543.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	387.56	567.94	572.00	648.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	225.77	287.24	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	361.58	449.89	495.00	523.00
Services	302.21	350.41	394.00	455.00
State/Local Government	376.49	413.84	N/A	N/A
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U. S.</u>
All Industries	\$460.00	\$481.00	\$542.00	\$499.00
Mining & Quarrying	757.00	645.00	738.00	816.00
Contract Construction	509.00	534.00	658.00	530.00
Manufacturing	629.00	670.00	667.00	623.00
Transportation, Communications & Public Utilities	561.00	600.00	682.00	643.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	527.00	568.00	748.00	693.00
Services	391.00	422.00	494.00	475.00
State/Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar.

N/A Not Available.

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes the salaries and wages of all persons working for that type business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1993. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1993, October, 1994.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

BARBOURVILLE MANUFACTURING FIRMS, THEIR PRODUCTS AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Firm</u> <u>(Establishment date)</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>1995</u> <u>Average Employment</u>
Advocate Publishing Company (1938)	Commercial printing, newspaper	19
E.K. Wood Products Company (1962)	Kitchen cabinet parts, furniture dimension	90
Elliott Lumber Company, Inc. (1990)	Lumber	9
Farmers Supply and Explosives (1965)	Explosives	70
Manufacturers Services Corporation, Inc. (1986)	Food service equipment, commercial dishwashers and ovens	200
Strong's Machinery (1988)	Machine shop, screw machine products, ferrules	38
Taylor Machine Products, Inc. (1992)	Bolts, bushings, screws	46
Tremco, Inc. (1973)	Industrial sealants	226
Warners Warnaco, Inc. (1966)	Brassieres, girdles	325

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN MANUFACTURING FIRMS

<u>Union</u>	<u>Representing workers at:</u>
United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC	Manufacturers Services Corporation, Inc. Tremco, Inc.
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	E.K. Wood Products Company

SELECTED INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

<u>Types of Services</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Mileage from Barbourville</u>
Custom Plastics Producers	Corbin, Kentucky	17
Electric Motor Repair	Corbin, Kentucky	17
Heat Treating Facilities	Richmond, Kentucky	79
Industrial Waste Removal	Gray, Kentucky	12
	Corbin, Kentucky	17
Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Corbin, Kentucky	17
Metal Castings	Middlesboro, Kentucky	31
Metal Finishers	Middlesboro, Kentucky	31
Metal Service Centers	Corbin, Kentucky	17
Millwrights & Riggers	Knoxville, Tennessee	92

Sources: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Barbourville is served directly by U.S. Highway 25E, a four-lane "AAA"-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway, and Kentucky Highways 11 and 6, both "AA"-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highways. Interstate 75 is located 17 miles northwest of Barbourville via U.S. 25E, while the Daniel Boone Parkway is located 24 miles north via Kentucky 11.

A major highway construction project was recently completed in Knox and Bell Counties which greatly improved transportation access in southeast Kentucky. U.S. Highway 25E, extending east of Barbourville through Bell County, has been converted to four lanes. This project, along with the current construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel, will provide a link from Interstate 81 in Tennessee to Interstate 75 in Kentucky.

HIGHWAY MILES FROM BARBOURVILLE, KENTUCKY, TO SELECTED MARKET CENTERS

City	Highway Miles	City	Highway Miles
Atlanta, GA	294	Los Angeles, CA	2,280
Baltimore, MD	560	Louisville, KY	173
Birmingham, AL	335	Nashville, TN	278
Chicago, IL	447	New Orleans, LA	692
Cincinnati, OH	179	New York, NY	760
Cleveland, OH	412	Pittsburgh, PA	428
Detroit, MI	439	St. Louis, MO	431
Knoxville, TN	100		

Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

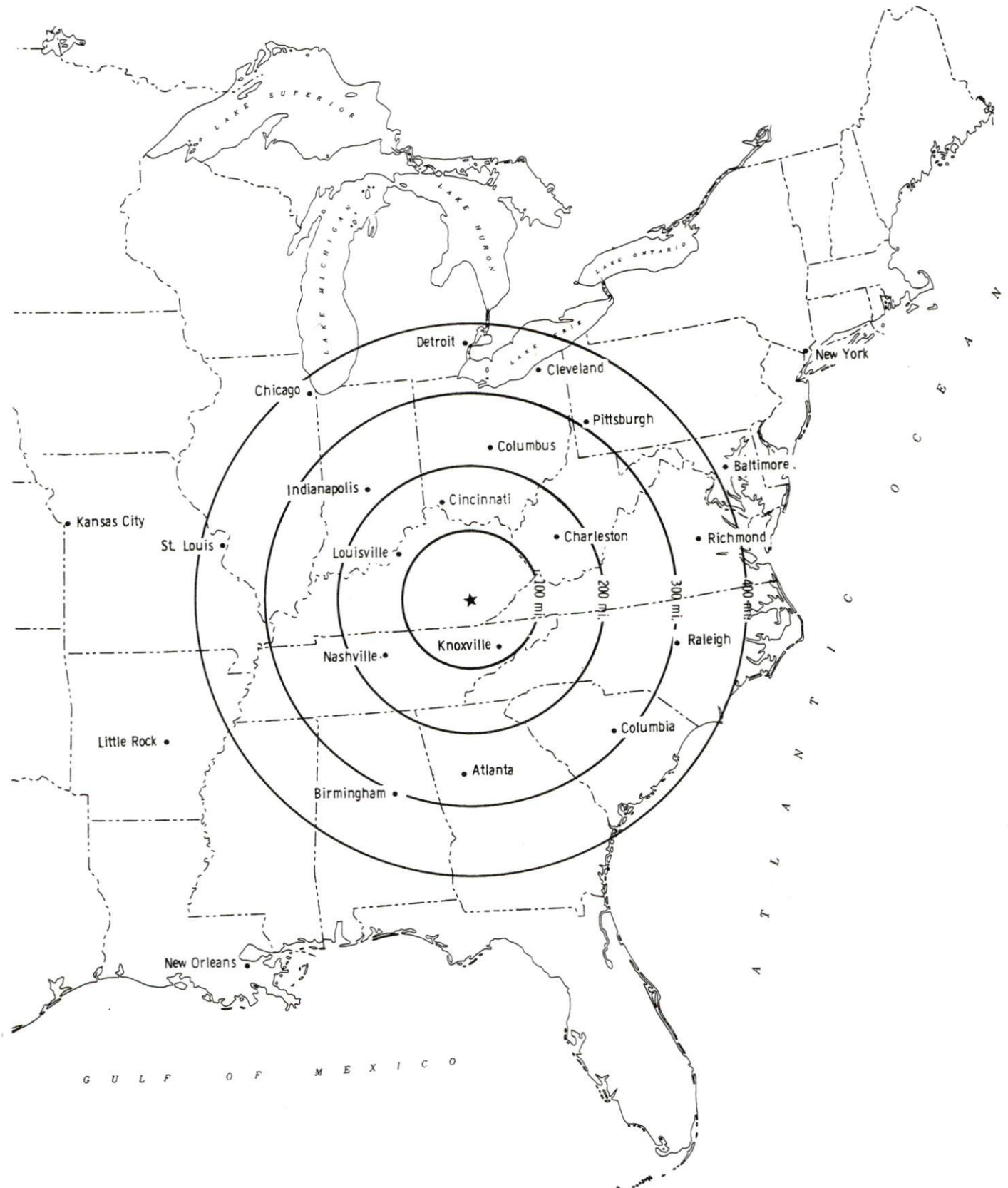
Sources: Rand McNally Standard Highway Mileage Guide, 1990. Official Kentucky Mileage Map, 1988.

Truck Service

Fifteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Barbourville.

Source: American Motor Carrier Directory, Fall 1995.

Selected Market Centers



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line and branch line rail service to Barbourville and Knox County. Norfolk Southern Corporation provides the nearest intermodal facilities at Knoxville, Tennessee 100 miles south of Barbourville.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services contact:

Manager
Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, Kentucky 40220
(502) 499-3025

Air

Nearest Airport

Location:	London-Corbin Airport (Magee Field) 3 miles south of London; 25 miles northwest of Barbourville
Runways:	1 paved
Length:	6,000 feet
Traffic	
Control:	Wind sock and FSS advisory service
Lighting:	Beacon, runway and obstruction lights, REIL, VASI
Services:	100LL octane and jet-A fuels; minor A & P repairs; tie-downs; aircraft rental, auto rental, taxi; weather data; flight training; charter flights and ambulance service

Nearest Scheduled Commercial Airline Service

Location:	Blue Grass Airport 4 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky; 107 miles northwest of Barbourville
Air Service:	American Eagle, ASA, ComAir, Delta, Northwest AirlinK, TW Express, United Express, USAir, US Air Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	176

Location:	McGhee Tyson Airport 10 miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee; 110 miles south of Barbourville
Air Service:	American Eagle, ComAir, Delta, Northwest, Northwest AirlinK, TW Express, United, United Express, USAir, USAir Express
Daily Arrivals & Departures:	240

UTILITIES

Electricity

Company serving **Barbourville and the central portion of Knox County** -

Barbourville Utility Commission

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

Barbourville Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1600
Barbourville, Kentucky 40906
(606) 546-3187

and/or

Economic Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100

Company serving **a major portion of Knox County** - Cumberland Valley Rural

Electric Cooperative Corporation

Source of power - East Kentucky Power

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
East Kentucky Power
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, Kentucky 40392-0707
(606) 744-4812

and/or

Cumberland Valley Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
U.S. Highway 25E
Gray, Kentucky 40734
(606) 546-9295 or (606) 528-2677

Company serving **portions of Knox County** - Kentucky Utilities Company

Source of power - Kentucky Utilities Company

For industrial rates contact:

Industrial Development Department
Kentucky Utilities Company
One Quality Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
(606) 255-2100

Natural Gas

Company serving **Barbourville and Knox County** - Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Source of supply - Wiser Oil Company, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and
local production
For rates and supplies contact:

VP-Public and Consumer Affairs
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
3617 Lexington Road
Winchester, Kentucky 40391
(606) 744-6171

Public Water Supply

Company serving **Barbourville** - Barbourville Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1600
Barbourville, Kentucky 40906
(606) 546-3187

Source -	Laurel Lake and Cumberland River
Treatment plant capacity-	4,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	1,600,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	1,300,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	2,650,000 gallons
Water pressure -	60 psi to 90 psi

Company serving **Tri-County Industrial Park** -

City Utilities Commission
901 South Main Street
Corbin, Kentucky 40701-1899
(606) 528-4026

Source -	Laurel River Impoundment
Treatment plant capacity-	5,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption -	2,736,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption -	3,562,000 gallons
Storage capacity -	5,050,000 gallons
Water pressure -	30 psi to 110 psi

The City Utilities Commission recently completed installation of approximately ten miles of 6- and 8-inch water lines including valves, hydrants, and other related equipment. Total cost of the project was approximately \$3.0 million.

Sewerage

Company serving **Barbourville** - Barbourville Utility Commission
P.O. Box 1600
Barbourville, Kentucky 40906
(606) 546-3187

Design capacity - 1,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 600,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Tertiary
Treated effluent discharged into - Cumberland River

Company serving **Tri-County Industrial Park** -

City Utilities Commission
901 South Main Street
Corbin, Kentucky 40701-1899
(606) 528-4026

Design capacity - 4,500,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow - 2,110,000 gallons
Type of treatment - Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into - Lynn Camp Creek

CLIMATE

Knox County

Temperature

Normal (30-year record)	57.60 degrees
Average annual 1994	58.90 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (53-year record)	103.00 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (53-year record)	-24.00 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	3,937
(Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.)	

Precipitation

Normal (53-year record)	47.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall (30-year record)	11.70 inches
Total precipitation 1994	63.27 inches
Mean number days precipitation (.01 inch or more) (52-year record)	126.60
Mean number days thunderstorms (52-year record)	47.10

Prevailing Winds (through 1963)

Northeast

Relative Humidity (34-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	86 percent
1 p.m.	59 percent
7 p.m.	63 percent

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Environmental Science Services Administration, Climatological Data, 1994. Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

Barbourville is governed by a mayor and six council members. The mayor is elected to a four-year term, while the council members each serve two-year terms. Knox County is governed by a county judge/executive and five magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Barbourville Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National

Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky

Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

Currently, no local fees and licenses are levied on businesses in Barbourville or Knox County.

PROPERTY TAXES

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside of city limits may also be subject to city property taxes.

Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value.

STATE PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>1994 State Rate</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.172	YES
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	NO
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	NO
Inventories		
Raw Materials	0.050	NO
Goods in Process	0.050	NO
Finished Goods	0.050	YES
Motor Vehicles	0.450	YES
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	YES
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	NO

LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATES PER \$100 VALUATION, 1994

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
Knox County	\$0.1990	\$0.2878	\$0.2828
School Districts:			
Barbourville Independent	0.4110	0.4110	0.5390
Knox County	0.4660	0.4660	0.4930
Cities:			
Barbourville	0.3150	0.3150	0.3000

EDUCATION

Public Schools

	Barbourville Independent	Knox County
Total Enrollment (Fall, 1994)	671	4,821
Accreditation		Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Pupil-Teacher Ratio (1993-94)	19.4-1	15.5-1
Percent High School Graduates to College (1993-94)	47.6	28.1
Expenditures Per Pupil (1993-94)	\$3,437.34	\$4,078.19

Nonpublic Schools

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Camillus Academy (Corbin)	315	K-12

Area Colleges and Universities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location (Miles distant)</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall, 1994)</u>
Union College	Barbourville, Kentucky	1,005
Eastern Kentucky University (Corbin Branch Campus)	Corbin, Kentucky (17)	1,600
Sue Bennett College	London, Kentucky (31)	419
Cumberland College	Williamsburg, Kentucky (33)	1,550
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, Tennessee (36)	1,528
Somerset Community College	Somerset, Kentucky (60)	2,709
Hazard Community College	Hazard, Kentucky (64)	1,870
Berea College	Berea, Kentucky (65)	1,550
Southeast Community College	Cumberland, Kentucky (73)	2,769
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, Kentucky (78)	16,060

Union College

Union College is a nonsectarian, coeducational, church-related institution of higher education that was founded in 1879. Affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Union College offers liberal arts, preprofessional and professional programs leading to a Bachelor's degree; Associate degree programs; and a Master's degree in education. Thirty-three different majors, including criminal justice are offered by the College. Special Education was added as a major in Fall 1994. One of the special programs available at the College is the Appalachian Semester. Union College has recently expanded its adult and community education programs to meet the needs of the Barbourville-Knox County community.

VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL TRAINING

Kentucky Tech schools are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and provide secondary (Sec) and postsecondary (P/S) vocational-technical training.

<u>Kentucky Tech Schools</u>	<u>Location (Mileage from Barbourville)</u>	<u>Number of Program Offerings</u>	<u>Cumulative Enrollment 1994-1995</u>	<u>Approximate Number Completing Long-Term Programs Annually</u>
Knox County Area Technology Center	Barbourville	7	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 408 33	26
Cumberland Valley Health Technology Center	Pineville (18)	5	<u>P/S</u> 141	73
Laurel Regional Technology Center	London (31)	13	<u>Sec</u> <u>P/S</u> 151 298	96

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its Training and Development Coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses needing customized training should contact a Training and Development Coordinator located at the Laurel Regional Technology Center (606) 677-4049.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers to business, education, and government agencies customized assessment in career inventories, interest inventories, pre-hire assessment, psychomotor skills and academic potential. A Career Connections Assessment Center is located on the campus of Laurel Regional Technology Center (606) 864-7311.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new skills, improve basic skills or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Knox County, adult literacy and adult basic education are provided through Union College and the Knox County Board of Education.

Tech Prep

Tech Prep is a combined secondary and postsecondary program of studies that leads to an associate degree or diploma in a vocational-technical field. Knox County Area Technology Center offers tech prep in the areas of auto, construction, drafting, electricity, electronics, and welding technologies.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation, an independent public corporation created and funded by the Kentucky General Assembly, provides programs of skills training to meet the needs of business and industry from entry level to advanced training, and from upgrading present employees to retraining experienced workers.

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation is a major source for skills training assistance for a new or existing company. The Corporation works in partnership with other employment and job training resources and programs, as well as Kentucky's economic development activities, to package a program customized to meet the specific needs of a company.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

(Knox County)
Physicians - 17
Dentists - 6
Ophthalmologists - 2

Hospitals

<u>General Hospital</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Knox County General Hospital	Barbourville	58

Medical staff - 16 physicians, 30 registered nurses, and 20 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Barbourville Physical Therapy Clinic
Crippled Children Services
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center
East End Clinic (Flatlick)
Knox County Health Department
Knox County Home Health Agency
Knox County Ambulance Service
Tri-County Hospice

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

National City Bank
Tri-County National Bank
Union National Bank and Trust Company

Newspapers

Barbourville Mountain Advocate (weekly)
Knox Kronicle (weekly)

Telephone Service

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RECREATION

Local

The Barbourville Recreational Park provides two lighted ball fields for simultaneous baseball games, three tennis courts, a playground and a tot-lot. The City of Barbourville recently developed a new area of the park called the Brick Yard Ponds. This section of the park includes paddle boats, water slides, a wave pool, and a picnic area. Other public recreational facilities include three playgrounds, five tennis courts, three baseball diamonds, a football field, a softball field, and a badminton court. A Civic-Convention Center is planned which will contain indoor tennis courts, indoor swimming pool, basketball courts, weight room, track, meeting rooms, offices, and kitchen area.

Private recreational facilities in Knox County include two country clubs each with a nine-hole golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and fishing facilities.

Union College sponsors many cultural events including concerts, lecturers, and plays. Local residents are invited to attend most of the school's cultural and sporting events. Union College also makes the swimming pool and gymnasium available to the public at various times.

Dr. Thomas Walker State Historical Site, six miles southwest of Barbourville, is the site of the cabin built by Dr. Walker, who led an expedition through Cumberland Gap around 1750. The 12-acre park contains a replica of Kentucky's first pioneer house, a playground, a miniature golf course, a picnic shelter, and an amphitheater.

Laurel River Lake is located 16 miles northwest of Barbourville. The 5,600-acre lake is considered one of Kentucky's most beautiful lakes. Numerous campgrounds and marinas serve the area.

Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville, 19 miles southeast of Barbourville, provides the finest in mountain scenery and the ultimate in quiet comfort. The 1,500-acre park is located in the Kentucky Ridge State Forest and is the site of the Mountain Laurel Festival each spring. Also featured is a 35-acre lake, 30 lodge rooms, 20 cottages, a dining room, a gift shop, a convention center, 33 camp sites, a lodge pool, fishing, a nine-hole golf course, hiking trails, a nature center, a recreational room, picnicking, playgrounds, miniature golf, shuffleboard, and planned recreation.

Levi Jackson State Park, 26 miles northwest of Barbourville at London, is a 900-acre park located where the Boone Trace and Wilderness Road Pioneer trails converge. In addition to the reproduced pioneer settlement, the park offers a museum on mountain folklore, 15 cabins, a pool, a bathhouse, hiking trails, horseback riding, miniature golf, shuffleboard, 185 campsites, a picnic area, a playground, and an amphitheater.

Area (Within 70 miles)

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park
Cumberland Falls State Resort Park
Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
Hensley's Settlement